

## HOLT COUNTY SENTINEL.

FRIDAY. APRIL 17, 1868.

## HOUSE AND FARM.

### Don't Leave the Farm.

Come, boys, there's something to tell you,  
Come near, I would whisper it low—  
You are there, leaving the homestead,  
Don't be in a hurry to go.  
The city has many attractions,  
But think of the views and scenes,  
When once in the vortex of fashion,  
How soon you'll find yourself beggars,  
You talk of the riches of Australia,  
They are wealthy in gold without doubt,  
But all's there paid on the farm, boys,  
It only you'll shovel it out.  
The interests are in a quandary,  
There's first health and then the boy;  
Better risk the old farm a while longer,  
Don't be in a hurry to go.

### THE CASTOR OIL BEAN.

This plant is of tropical origin, and has about the same range of climate in which it may be profitably cultivated as the sweet potato. It is grown to a considerable extent in the southern half of Illinois, but the largest yield is in the extreme southern counties, showing that it needs a hot sun and a long season to give the largest amount of oil. The whole treatment of the plant up to the harvest, is much like that of Indian corn. The plants should not stand nearer than four feet, and the best cultivators place the rows seven feet each way. The plant is a rank grower, and wants plenty of food and sunlight. The Florida beans are considered better than the Spanish for producing oil. Two beans are usually placed in a hill, but one should be taken out when the plants are six inches high. The cultivation may all be done by horse-power, but care should be taken not to wound the stalks or break off any of the buds. Cultivating five or six times is none to much to secure the best results. The proper time for planting in southern Illinois is about the first of May, and by the middle of August some of the stalks will be ready to cut. This should be done when the bottoms of the spikes yielding the beans begin to turn brown and crack open. It pays to have a drying house for the cure of the beans. Drying yards are descended by skillful cultivators. This crop is usually planted upon the poorest land, and is thought by some to improve it quite as much as clover. The price of the beans varies much more than that of ordinary farm crops. During the past year the price has ranged from \$8.00 to \$1.25 per bushel, in the St. Louis market, where most of the oil used in this country is manufactured. We have no doubt that our California correspondent can raise the beans in that State, but do not think the crop will be more profitable than many others he might grow. Previous to the war it was largely raised in southern Illinois that it ceased to pay on account of over-production. The war caused a great advance in the price of the oil, and the cultivation is now increasing. An acre of the beans, or twenty bushels, will yield about 68 gallons of oil, worth at present prices about \$1.50. Those who raise the beans think the manufacturing pays much better than the cultivation. Possibly the farmers who raise this crop could form a joint-stock company and press the oil out of their own beans to advantage. We believe the business of pressing the oil in this country has been almost a monopoly, and that one man has made a large fortune by it.—[American Agriculturist.]

### HOW TO TELL GOOD FLOUR.

The proof of a pudding is in the eating, and the best and surest test of flour is to cook it, but it is frequently desirable to know how to select good flour at times when it is very inconvenient to apply the test, and at such times it is well to observe these rules: First, look to the color; if it is white, with a yellowish or straw colored tint, buy it. If it is very white, with a bluish cast, or with white specks in it, refuse it; second, examine its adhesiveness, wet and knead a little of it between your fingers; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor; third, throw a lump of the flour against a smooth surface, if it falls like powder, it is bad; fourth, squeeze some of the flour in your hand, if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that too is a good sign; fifth, place a thin slice of it in the palm of the hand, and rub it gently with the finger of the other hand. This smooths down under the finger, feeling silky and slippery, it is of inferior quality, though of fancy brand, high priced and white as the virgin snow drift. It has been either too low ground, or made from damaged wheat, or perhaps having an unusual per centum of gluten—marred with dull burs, and will never make good, light, wholesome bread. But if the flour runs rough in the palm, feeling like fine sand, and has an orange tint, purchase confidently. Flour that will stand all these tests, it is safe to buy. It will not disappoint you. Such flour, whatever may be its branded reputation, though its price be at the lowest figure, will make good, light, nutritious bread.

GRAFTING CHERRY OR WILD PLUM.—I notice, in the proceedings of the Illinois Horticultural Society, that one of the members states that he tried grafting the cherry on wild plum stock, but failed woefully. Three years ago this coming Spring my father grafted a clon of the Early May cherry and one of plum on a wild plum stock that was about an inch in diameter, grafting it a little above the ground. Both clons grew, but the plum was removed. Last year the tree bore some cherries. It is now about seven feet high, and has a well proportioned top. It is filled as full of blossom buds as any tree I ever saw. We will graft more of them in the Spring, so well satisfied are we that they will be a good thing.

Plums also do better with us grafted on the wild stocks, bearing much younger, and better, as they are partially dwarfed.—[Frank O. Harrington, in the Western Rural.

### A GREAT FARMER'S MAXIM.

Mr. Jacob Sivron, who is spoken of as "The Great American Farmer," who died at Jacksonville, Ill., in Aug. last, in his biography has recorded many excellent characteristics of his life. He met with great success in his business operations, which is attributed chiefly to the following maxims, which we copy for the benefit of those farmers who are somewhat tardy in performing the operations of the farm:

"When you wake up do not roll over, roll out. It will give you time to ditch all your shoughs, break them up, harrow them, and sow with timothy and red clover. One bushel of clover to two of timothy is enough.

Make your fences high, tight, and strong, so that it will keep cattle and pigs out; if you have brush, make your lots secure, and keep your hogs from the cattle, for if the corn is clean they will eat it better if it is not.

Be sure you get your hands to bed at 7 o'clock; they will rise earlier by the force of circumstances.

Play a hand, if he is a poor hand, all you can; if he is a good hand, play him a little more; it will encourage him to do still better.

Always feed your hands as well as you do your elf, for the laboring men are the bone and sinew of the world, and ought to be well treated.

I am satisfied that getting up early, industry and regular habits, are the best medicines ever prescribed for health.

When it comes rainy, bad weather, so that you cannot work out of doors, cut and split your wood.

Make your tracks when it rains hard, cleaning your stables, or fixing something which you would stop the plow for and fix in good weather.

Make tracks, fixing your fences, or a gate that is off its hinges, or weather-bounding your barn where the wind has blown off the siding, or patching the roof of your house or barn."

IMPORTANT TO WOMEN.—A correspondent of the Maine Farmer says—Many a housewife may be glad to know when she has a piece of fresh meat she wishes to keep a few days, that it can be done by placing it in a dish and covering it with milk. Sour milk or buttermilk will be as well. I have practiced the plan for years.

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### MASONIC.

#### Meetings.

Oregon Lodge, No. 120, meet on the first Monday and third Saturday of each month.

Keystone R. A. Chapter, U. D., meets on the 4th Saturday of each month.

DEATH OF BRO. P. H. BUCKLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
TRENTON LODGE, No. 86, F. & A. M.,  
TRENTON, TENN., Apr. 4th, '68.

On Friday, April the 13th, A. D., 1868, A. L. 5868, Trenton Lodge, No. 86 of F. & A. Masons, discharged the melancholy duty of consigning to the grave the remains of Bro. P. H. BUCKLEY, a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, of F. & A. M. of Mo., after which and in their hall passed the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

The Almighty ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom seen fit to visit our mystic circle again by the hand of death, by removing from the walks of life, Bro. P. H. BUCKLEY, of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, Mo.

Bro. BUCKLEY moved to this vicinity about two years ago, and has ever conducted himself as a good and true citizen, a Mason and Christian of high moral worth. He was in his — year and died on the 2d inst., after a protracted illness of several months. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the loss we have sustained and truly and sincerely sympathise with his bereaved family in their irreparable loss of so kind and affectionate husband and father, and would commend them in their deep affliction to the great source of real consolation—the Lord, our Father—in whom our departed brother confidently trusted.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be handed the mourning family, a copy sent to Oregon Lodge No. 139, of Mo., and also spread upon the minutes of this Lodge.

J. P. GRIGSBY,  
J. R. PEARCE, Com.  
R. R. CALDWELL.  
S. W. CALDWELL, Sec'y, pro tem.

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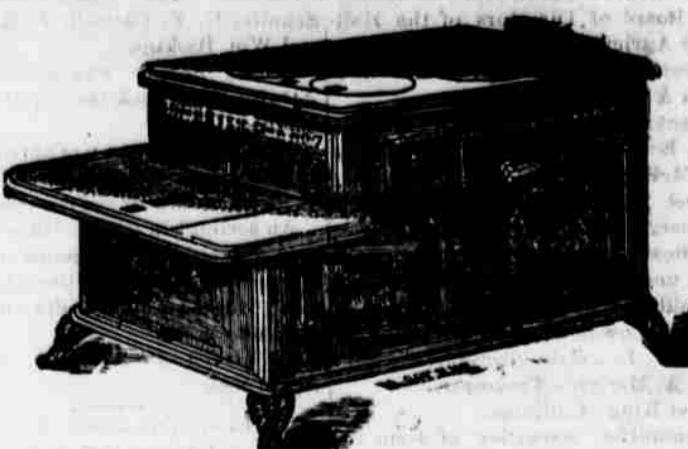
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